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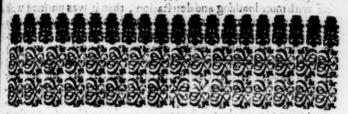
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Shall prefent this little Pamphlet unto your view, in this doubtfull and dangerous time, not only to flew you the dependency betwixt our King and Kingdome; but also to comfort and strengthen you against all feares that are or may be interjected by the subtlety and mallice of our Adversaries, or our owne misconceit or diffidence; for as I finde the enemy bufily practifing to dis-

courage us, and to raile falle fires to affight us; so wee our selves (as melancholly persons) are apt to misconstrue all things, and to imagine the worst, upon the fight of every shaddow; there are many that labour to effect a division betwick us, by offering faire resemblances, and great promises of preferments, but I trust the generall disposition of an honest hearted Cavasier is not to waver, that is to smile those persons which are light of love, who defire to shift their old approved friends for fresh Sutors, and prefer the change of an adulterous bed, before the marryed; if any there be which by chance may be allured by this strumpet of the night; I verily believe in the morning their eyes will be enlightened, and take it to be but a fit or thow of passion, which will be easily cast

off with more loathing and deteltation, then it was purfued with longing : Writing dis o direct any of special act in only to france as a Continelly or Watchenso to give warning at the conming of so many blood thirty deceivers : And for the State it felfe (I meane that maine Axeltree whereon our Kingdome turnes) which is the fincerity of our King to his friends , I doe affuremy felfe it is the fame it was , and that wee onely move whilft heremaines constant; many may imagine otherwise as simple Pasten. gers failing fwiftly by the shoares, or continent, suppose the Trees, Steeples, and Lowers to goe backwards : Let us not be diftrad. ed and affrighted with our owne shaddowes; ignorance makes me Infidelle ; lo wee are brethren , yet I must confesse that Brethren oftentimes wax infpicious each of other , but let us agree, for fulpition raileth rumours, and those rumours, though falle, my in time beget and nourish a dangerous hate betwixt us; that which I write may make us more confident of each others love, or at leaft fhall have that effect in us, untill we behold the iffue, which I hope at the last will be happy : The Bell rings out, and I heare the - found and report it gives on both fides ; upon the Parliament fide all men feare the passages, and carriages of all things, and confidering these things, are very liberall and free in their discourses, and making their feares great, as indeede the cause requires . On the other fide, fome shallow brained Traytours are doubtfull of the King, and being filled with mad jealousies and feares, profecute his Majesty with all kinde of Calumny : Reproaches, and Pasquills are day by day invented, huancries countenanced, and the inventers of them rewarded; base Libells and Scandalls are cast abroad thick and threefold, one upon the neck of another, wherein not only the King, Queene, and all their Royall Progeny; but also all his Majefties Loyall Subjects are very balely abused : This comfortsme, and affures me that they perfecute none of their owne, and therefore behold his Majesty, and all that love him to be their utter enemies.

Theeves and Traytours have alwaies a knawing in their confciences, land as the Phrase is, simile, simile gandens, they can't endure any that displayes their plots, and will not bee Adjutators in these bloody designes: Let this affure us, that his Majestie is the

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time we would have him, but for my owne part I comfort my felfe especially, and defire you would be comforted against all feares or plots layed or plotted against us out of two considerations. First, the goodnesse and mercy of our God. Secondly, the wifedome and pollicy of our King. First , let us consider wee have a good and glorious God warching over us, who will not fuffer his much to be extinguished, but as he bith hicherto miraculously preferved it, fo ftill be will continue to doe the fame : The Lord vifits the transgressions of his children with the rod , yet will be not utterly take his mercy from them, nor fuffer his truth to faile : Let us then reft in peace, for hee that keepeth us doth neither flumber nor fleepe, and let the remembrance of those many former deliverances, which he hath wrought for us, affore us of the like fatherly care and protection ftill, if wee faithfully and constantly depend upon his mercifull promife. Secondly, remember the wildome of our King, which is fo renowned, as for it, he is admired of all, and let this comfort us, and affure us that God bath not given him fo much light for nothing, much leffe for evill : Let us thinke that fince he hath beene ferved by us with fo much obedience, that hee will fo much neglect his owne honour and lafety, or curlives and liberties, as to leave us in the hands of our enemies, or abase us in the eyes of Rebells, to leade us, or fuffenus to be led into temporall or spiritual captivity: Let us thinke alwayes, he cannot forget those rebellious persons which have fought severall times against him ; nor yet the many attempts and practifes which they have uled against his Person, Crowne, Dignity, and the truth he professeth, northat God will fuffer him to fleepe fecurely in the armes of fuch, as be knowes watch only for opportunity to destroy both Church and State, as also him and his: Our love to his Royall Progeny must needes assure our love to him, and the hate of others to them. affare their inward hate against him; and for such as perswade otherwife, that our love to the King, or his children, and hate to the adverle Party, proceedes either out of discontent, or a vaine humour in us leading to difloyalty; let their lies turne upon their owne pates, and let evill happen to them that evill thinke; there are subtile enemies which labour to breed jealousies betwixt him and his Subjects , knowing it to be for their greatest advantage, A 3.

and the only, and chiefest plot to blemish and cloude the glory and magnificence of Monarchy, they would alienate the heart of the King from his people, the people from the King, and friends from each other: yet thinke it cannot finke into his Majefties breaft that fuch friends and fervants, who have not onely fpent and loft sein estates, but hazarded their lives dayly and housely, should intend the least burt to him who is the defender of their faith; it is for Turkes and Reathens to become bloody Traytors, and it is for Tyrants to suspect their friends: Good Princes who are Fathers of the Common-wealth, cannot nor will not doe thus, whilft in themselves they see no cause of their subjects hate; it is our enemyes plot to ftir up our heady and hafty humours, by pulling our quills. and racking our Estates, and so by degrees draw us cleane off from that former affection we bore to our Soveraigne; Let me tell you. Conscientia mille teffes, and for my part, I had rather go to heaven with a few, then to hell with a multitude. His Majesty cannot but fee the actions of the publique enemy, as well as we, and much better , and therefore though you fuffer with him for a while, yet be you quiet, that their intents and projects upon you may bee frustrate: Thinke now, the King is making his owne Chronicle: and affure your felves, that though he hath some imperfection in his speech, ver he meanes speedily with his pen, or at least wife. he can answer all their Propositions with a non placet, but what need I speake more? He that can answer so well, will never so fir contradict his owne words with repugnant actions, as thereby to race his Armies, to staine the honour he was borne unto, and which he hath made good and bettered hitherto, by high and mighty enterprifes of act and admonition against so many perfidious Members: but thinke therefore, that all this time, he is acting his part in Infala Vectis, that hee bath a better game to play, that hee is working his mafter peece in the publique market, and trying his exact skill in King craft, with the Hogle Mogle Parliament of England, and the Grand Committee of Lords and Commons: The Lyon may awake, breake loofe, and teare his Keepers or elfe leade, whilft he feemes to be ledd, and then the world fhall fee, that neither the opinion of his fincerity in the truth, nor of his unmatchleffe wifedome and pollicy, were vaine miltakings; and at

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To the loyall Inhabitants of the Isle of Wight.

The distance of places are not so farre, but that you may easily heare and perceive the divisions which are amongst us; for fince the Kings departure, the Parliament men are ready to run befides themselves, as also when it was night there was no small stirre among the Soldiers, what was become of Peter, fince it was veryfied that an Angell of the Lord hath delivered him out of the hands of these Herods (who the next day thought to have killed him) and hath fent him unto you: I shall intreat you loving Countrymen, not to be aftonished or amaled, but entertaine him as a loving and gracious Prince, observe his commands punctually, you have time by the foretop, make use of it, for in the end you will finde it chronicled, and your eye shall see it, your everlasting praise: Religion hath taken a seaven yeares voyage, and we hope may happily arive at one of your Ports; the Rebells here, goe on presumptuously in their constant course, in taking part with the Serpent against the seed of the Woman; and still defire to be knowne fierce persecutors of all true hearted Royallists: Liberty of life they have voted onely to themselves, and through the great title of a Parliament, thinke to prescribe Lawes to all Christendome; no man that doth evill, can ever hope to hear well from any but cowards or flatterers; and for those they have enough, witnesse the innumerable Committee men, and those honourable Gentlemen belonging to the Excise : I never thinke upon these Caterpillers and Locusts, but they stirre up a sad hu-

mour. fighes from my very heart, and teares from my eyes for the destruction they are like suddenly to bring upon this Kingdome. upleffe the Lord (out of his great mercy) fends us a ftrong Eafterly winde and blow them to Tyburne.' I have read a ftory of a Lyon, who feemingly flept fecurely in his Den whilft the Hunters were pitching toyles round about him; a Pilmire perceived the danger, and flung the Lyon to awake him, with Tandem refurges, he furiously start up, and would wreake his anger upon the presumptuous Pismire; to whom the Pismire cryed, My Lord. first looke about you; hee did so, and espying the forres of the Hunters , elcaped them . I leave the Reader to make application. O abominable Treason, is this the way to make him a glorious King: O Lord incline not my heart to any evill thing, to practice wicked worker with men that worke iniquity, especially against the Lords Anounted; the Lord I hope will keepe him from all the fnares which they have privily layde for him: Let the wicked fall into their owne nets, whilft (hee being guiltleffe) fhall ofcape: fave Lord, let the King of Kings here us when we call, and let all good people fay, Amen.

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